

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 660

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By Mr. Hill of Ipswich, petition of Bradford Hill and others relative to the penalty for the confinement of pigs and calves. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### PETITION OF:

Anne M. Paulsen  
Thomas J. O'Brien

Patricia D. Jehlen

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CRATING OF FARM ANIMALS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1     SECTION 1.

2     (a) Any person who confines a pregnant pig in an enclosure, or  
3     tethers a pregnant pig for all or the majority of any day, on a farm  
4     in a manner that prevents the pig from turning around freely is in  
5     violation of the law.

6     (b) This section shall not apply during the prebirthing period.

7     (c) The following definitions shall govern this section:

8         1. "Pre-birthing period" means the seven day period prior to the  
9         pig's expected date of giving birth.

10        2. "Turning around freely" means turning around in a complete  
11        circle without any impediment or in the case of an enclosure,  
12        without touching any side of the enclosure.

13        3. "Enclosure" means any cage, crate, or other enclosure in  
14        which a pig is kept for all or the majority of any day, including  
15        what is commonly described as the "gestation crate."

16        4. "Farm" means the land, buildings, support facilities, and  
17        other appurtenances used in the production of animals for food or  
18        fiber.

1     SECTION 2.

2     Any person who confines a calf in an enclosure, or who tethers  
3 a calf for all or the majority of any day, on a farm in a manner that  
4 prevents the calf from turning around freely or grooming itself  
5 completely is in violation of the law.

6     Any person who does not provide a calf a daily diet containing  
7 sufficient iron to prevent anemia or sufficient solid food to pre-  
8 vent impairment of the development of its rumen is in violation of  
9 the law.

10    The following definitions shall govern this section:

11    “Enclosure” means any cage, crate, or other enclosure in which  
12 a calf is kept for all or the majority of any day, including what is  
13 commonly described as the “veal crate”.

14    “Farm” means the land, buildings, support facilities, and other  
15 appurtenances used in the production of animals for food and  
16 fiber.

17    “Turning around freely” means turning around in a complete  
18 circle without any impediment, or in the case of an enclosure,  
19 without touching any side of the enclosure.